

DRAFT -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL (CCC) MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 -- 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Kirkwood Community College's Jones County Regional Center

220 Welter Drive—Room 117

Monticello, Iowa 52310

Those in attendance included:

- ❑ Linda Allen, President, Hawkeye Community College, and CCC Member (via conference call)
- ❑ Michael Bearden, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Bettie Bolar, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Barbara Burrows, Chief, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ MJ Dolan, Executive Director, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (via conference call)
- ❑ Michael Knedler, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Mary Ellen Miller, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Moudy Nabulsi, CCC Member, and Trustee, Southeastern Community College
- ❑ Jeremy Varner, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation
- ❑ Stephanie Weeks, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation (via conference call)

I. Welcome and Introductions—Mike Knedler, Chair

Chair Knedler called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Members and presenters introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Meeting Notes—Michael Knedler

Chair Knedler asked for approval of the notes from the August 3, 2016, meeting of the CCC.

Action: Moudy Nabulsi moved and Mary Ellen Miller seconded to move to approve the meeting notes. The notes were passed unanimously by the CCC.

III. Division Updates—Jeremy Varner

A. Community College Leader Bulletin

The summer edition of the Community College Leader Bulletin was released emailed to you last month. The bulletin provided updates on: the National Governor's Work-based Learning Policy Academy, ESSA implementation, WIOA implementation, Perkins applications, HF 2392 implementation, release of faculty qualifications guide, Voluntary Framework for Accountability implementation, adult education performance, My Learning Plan implementation, equity evaluation process changes, recently released reports, and much more. The fall edition will be released the middle of October.

B. Future Ready Iowa (FRI) Alliance

On August 29, 2016, staff from the division attended a press conference at the Career Academy of Pella where Governor Terry Branstad signed [Executive Order 88](#), creating the Future Ready Iowa

(FRI) Alliance. Charged with closing the skills gap in Iowa, the alliance will develop a plan to improve equity in postsecondary enrollment, increase the percent of Iowans who obtain quality education or training beyond high school, and ensure education and credentials align with the state's high-demand job needs.

The state received a \$100,000 challenge grant from the Lumina Foundation to help achieve what Lumina president, Jamie Merisotis, calls "one of the most ambitious educational attainment goals in the nation." An additional amount of around \$30,000, remaining from the FRI Summit, will also help fund these efforts.

The alliance will be co-lead by Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Dan Houston, chairman, president and CEO of Principal, and will consist of an additional seven representatives from state government, business, education, labor, economic development and non-profits, among others. Those interested in serving on the alliance and helping to develop a strategic plan to accomplish the state's workforce and educational attainment goals can apply online at www.openup.iowa.gov. Governor Branstad will make the appointments in March 2017.

Mary Ellen Miller asked if they have filled the positions on the alliance yet. Jeremy indicated he will follow-up on the membership, but he did indicate the community colleges will be represented. Mike Knedler asked if the CCC can be part of the alliance as ex-officios. MJ Dolan stated that the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents (IACCP) are taking applications; Chancellor Chris Duree from Iowa Valley Community College District is seeking that position. MJ also indicated that the trustees are not on the list of representatives, but anyone who is interested must apply or call the Governor's Office. It was suggested that CCC members visit with Ryan Wise who will work with Linda Fandel from the Governor's Office.

C. Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Redesign

The division is currently developing administrative rules for division II of HF2392, slated for board action in November. We expect to share draft versions in October. Regional listening sessions were conducted around the state this summer (a webinar version can be found [here](#)) to provide an overview of the bill and collect feedback. The division has also presented to numerous groups including teacher association conferences, AEA chiefs and staff, and more. Within the next couple of months, we are scheduled to present at several superintendents' meetings. The DE's CTE redesign webpage, guidance documents, feedback submission form, and other information can be found [here](#).

With regard to division I, career and academic planning, emergency rules have been adopted and guidance has been [issued](#). The guidance explains schools' obligations regard the transition to a more holistic approach to career counseling and expectations regarding career information and decision-making system (CIS) utilization. The division is preparing to conduct an RFI to select a CIS as the state-designated system although schools may adopt any CIS which meets state standards. EMSI Career Coach is not a CIS meeting standards for use with middle school students but schools should consider using it, particularly later in high school, particularly given its prominent placement in the Future Ready Iowa portal expected to go live in Q4.

There is a recognition that regional planning partnerships will need to be convened prior to administrative rules being in place. At the AEA chiefs meeting on August 25, the chiefs requested the department convene a joint meeting of AEA chiefs and IACCP to discuss convening expectations.

Every district must participate in a regional partnership; every school will be part of the planning process. Mike Knedler asked if there will be additional funding from the legislature. Varner indicated that there will not be additional funding; funding currently comes out of secondary vocational education funds. Mary Ellen Miller asked what the impact of the career information and decision-making system mandate will be on small schools. Jeremy replied that they can support the system with their Perkins consortia or they can do it on their own; the responsibility is on the school district. Mike Knedler asked who gives the “stamp of approval” for district career development plans. Varner reported that there is no approval process for the district plan, but regional planning partnerships will likely review them.

IV. Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Update—MJ Dolan

MJ stated this is the time of year the colleges are up and running. Listed below are the 2017 Iowa community colleges’ legislative priorities:

- State General Aid—Address the higher education funding disparity by increasing state general aid by \$206 per pupil at \$19.5M.
- Career Technical Training—Support implementation of the 2016 Career and Technical Education Reform legislation.
- Local Community Support—Authorize additional funding options.
- Workforce Training
 - A. Maintain the commitment to the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund.
 - B. Expand the uses and purposes of Accelerated Career Education (ACE) infrastructure funding.

MJ also noted that on October 26, 2016, the 2nd Annual Campus Safety and Security Summit will be held at the Scheman Building at Iowa State University, from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. This year’s theme is “Building Bridges with Partners.” The summit will have four tracks – Mental Health; Violence Prevention Diversity and Inclusion; and Threat Assessment. This summit is sponsored by the Iowa Board of Regents, the IACCT, the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and the Iowa Coordinating Council on Post-High School Education.

V. North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) Comprehensive Accreditation Report—Barbara Burrows

The purpose of this review was a scheduled comprehensive accreditation evaluation of North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) by the Iowa Department of Education (DE) as mandated by Iowa Code, Section 260C.47. The accreditation evaluation was conducted on April 20-22, 2016, at NIACC’s main campus in Mason City, Iowa. In conjunction with this accreditation visit, NIACC officials graciously agreed to participate in a pilot project to integrate the DE’s Focused Equity Review with the state accreditation review process. This involved extending the visit a half-day to allow the DE team to meet with a few additional interview groups. The pilot was successful in

helping the team identify some integration details that needed refinement and in conducting NIACC's equity review without the need for a separate visit. NIACC will receive a separate Equity Review Report from the DE, as the equity report is not integrated with the accreditation report.

This is a report of the evaluation of NIACC for continued state accreditation as an associate degree-granting institution. The findings reflect the work of the accreditation team in the comprehensive review of NIACC. NIACC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that conducts reviews every five years. In an effort to not duplicate the HLC accreditation process, the state process reviews the most recent HLC report to see if any follow-up is needed and then focuses on the college's compliance with state criteria/standards. State standards are reviewed through a structured process of a pre-visit desk review and a two-day on-site visit conducted by department staff and two community college peer reviewers.

CCC members were impressed with NIACC's college history contained in the report under the heading of "Institutional Overview." It was suggested that the division prepare a condensed history of all of Iowa's community colleges, even for interim reviews. In the historical overview, it was noted that NIACC held its first commencement exercise in 1920 with four graduates and they currently have over 4,000 graduates.

Bureau of Community Colleges chief, Barbara Burrows, reviewed NIACC's comprehensive state accreditation report, highlighting the many positive programs and services offered by the college. After responding to the council's comments and questions regarding the college's review, she concluded her report by stating the Department of Education recommends continued accreditation for NIACC. A state interim accreditation evaluation will be conducted in FY 2021.

Motion: Mary Ellen Miller moved and Moudy Nabulsi seconded that the CCC recommends the State Board approve continued accreditation for NIACC. A state interim accreditation evaluation will be conducted in FY 2021.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Iowa Community Colleges Tuition and Fees Report: Fiscal Year 2017—Barbara Burrows

Barbara Burrows presented the annual tuition and fees report. She also thanked Heather Doe, Communications Education Program Consultant within the Bureau of Community Colleges, for the good job she did in designing this report, as well as the accreditation manual.

According to the recently released Tuition and Fees Report for FY 2017, a full-time Iowa resident will pay between \$4,410 and \$5,670 for 30 credit hours, depending upon which community college the student attends in the state. The annual community college tuition and fees report details the tuition and fee charges at each of Iowa's 15 community colleges. In addition, the report identifies regional and national trends, as well as sources of general operating revenue. Despite slight increases in local, state, and federal funding over the past few years, tuition and fees account for over half of the total general operating revenue for FY 2017, at approximately 52.1 percent.

Based on the most recent Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data available, Iowa had the third highest average total cost of enrollment in the region, after Minnesota and South Dakota. Nationally, Iowa's average cost of enrollment was greater than or equal to 85 percent of all reporting states. The national average was \$3,234.74

In closing, national and regional comparisons are based upon provisional data collected from 921 public two-year institutions that award associate degrees. IPEDS reports tuition and fees for an academic year, calculating costs based upon 30 credit hours per year. FY 2015 is the latest year available for this report. Data for Iowa's public universities were collected from current and historical tuition tables published by the Iowa Board of Regents. Data for Iowa's community colleges were collected from an annual survey of community college business officers and from historical records available from the Iowa Department of Education. According to IPEDS data, the average annual in-state total cost of enrollment in Iowa during FY 2015 was \$4,480.06, placing Iowa in the 85th percentile.

VII. Community College Council/State Board of Education Priorities Discussion—All

The CCC has been tasked with crafting a priority for the 2016-17 legislative and policy development brochure. Jeremy said that in the past, the priorities focused on advocacy for resources; currently, they are centered more on policy. The community college priorities crafted need to be realistic and doable with an emphasis on economic development and a skilled workforce. Much discussion took place at the CCC meeting regarding this topic. Listed below are some of the highlights of the discussion:

- Iowa needs well-rounded students.
- Focus on pushing Future Ready Iowa—some aspect of the community colleges—they should be prepared in a variety of ways.
- Technology is so important.
- The CTE Redesign will get students ready for jobs, as well as broader collaboration
- Need to get broad exposure.
- CTE is not vocational education.
- California has realigned their thinking—alignment of programming.
- Support of an integrated K-14 alignment to create a skilled workforce.
- Develop lifetime skills.
- Value of humanity.
- Think long-term lifetime success.
- Career pathway and workforce are the Governor's buzz words; the term workforce is overused
- Career education or career readiness language.
- Promote alignment with the community colleges and K-12.

Jeremy will take the comments from today's meeting and formulate priorities for the State Board to review at their meeting tomorrow.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next face-to-face meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., at the Department of Education's ICN Room.